## Epiphany, or the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles



Light for the

Gentiles

"All nations on earth would be blessed through him." (Abraham) (Gen. 18.18)







"a light for the Gentiles, that (he) may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth". (Isa. 49.6) "My name will be great among the nations." (Mal. 1.11)



## Canaanite woman (Mat. 15.21-28)

"... other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be one flock and one shepherd." (John 10.16) "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come". (Mat. 24.14)

## "Go and make disciples of all nations". (Mat. 28.19)

"Do not call anything impure that God has made clean". (Acts 10.15)

"You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean. So when I was sent for, I came without raising any objection. May I ask why you sent for me?" (Acts 10.28-29)

"I now realize how true it is that God does not show favouritism but accepts men from every nation who fear him and does what is right". (Acts 10.34-35)

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. ... Peter said "They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have". (Acts 10.44-47)

The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. (Acts 11.20-21)

"We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it ... we now turn to the Gentiles. For this is what the Lord has commanded us (they guoted Isaiah): "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."" (Acts 13.45-48)

"There is no difference between Jew and **Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and** richly blesses all who call upon him, for "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."" (Roms. 10.12-13).

If some of the branches (i.e. the Jews) have been broken off, and you (Gentiles), though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others .. do not boast over those branches ...they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. (Roms. 11.17-20)

You are all sons of God through faith in **Christ Jesus ...** There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (Gal. 3.26, 28).

## If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed ... (Gal.3.29)

...without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who were once far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. For he ... has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility ... You are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow-citizens with God's people ... (Eph. 2.12-19)

"a countless multitude that no-one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne". (Rev. 7.9)